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EDIBLE ANIMAL GREETING CARDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11, 12, 14-17, 20, 21, 23, 25 and 27.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 (Amended) An edible greeting card suitable for ingestion by a pet 2 comprising:

a substantially rigid edible panel suitable for ingestion by a pet, the

4 substantially rigid edible panel having [a thickness, a perimeter,] a front surface and

5 a back surface;

at least one message region disposed on one of [being positioned on] the front

7 surface [and/or] and the back surface of the substantially rigid edible panel [and

8 within the perimeter of the substantially rigid edible panel]; and

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